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#### BALTIMORE POLICE OFFICER ACQUITTED IN FREDDIE GRAY DEATH

Baltimore police officer Edward Nero was acquitted on all charges in the 2015 death of Freddie Gray. Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams, who heard the case in a bench trial, issued the verdict before a packed courtroom. Nero, 30, had faced misdemeanor charges of second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and two counts of misconduct in office. There were no initial signs of rioting after the verdict but a group of protesters chased members of Nero's family into a parking garage, yelling, "No justice, no peace." Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake issued a statement urging calm and said Nero would face an administrative review by the police department. REUTENS

#### FED AWARDS \$78.11 BILLION IN REVERSE REPOS

The Federal Reserve on Monday awarded \$78.11 billion of one-day, fixed-rate reverse repurchase agreements to 38 bidders at an interest rate of 0.25 percent, the New York Fed said on its website. It was the biggest award since \$89.12 billion to 44 bidders on April 1. On Friday, the Fed allotted \$60.34 billion in three-day reverse repos to 28 bidders, including Wall Street dealers, money market mutual funds and mortgage finance agencies, also at an interest rate of 0.25 percent. The reverse repurchase agreement program is seen as a critical policy tool for the U.S. central bank to drain money from the financial system in an effort to achieve its interest rate objectives. REUTENS

#### STATES ON ZIKA'S FRONTLINE SEE BIG GAPS IN FUNDING, EXPERTISE

In Mississippi, a small team of entomologists has begun the first survey of mosquito populations in decades. Experts do not believe the kind of mosquitoes most likely to carry the Zika virus are active in the state, but they cannot know for sure. By contrast, the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District has been active since the late 1920s. With an annual budget of over \$15 million, it now deploys four helicopters, two airplanes and 33 inspectors covering 125 square miles. Because they are funded by local taxpayer dollars, U.S. mosquito control programs reflect deep economic disparities between communities, leaving some at-risk locations badly unprepared for the virus that is spreading through the Americas. REUTES

## Community shows support for ticketed ice cream vendor

Carlos Palacios
Dominguez says
he has been on the
city's waiting list
for food vendor
permits for the past
nine years.



Every day after school in the summer, Carlos Palacios Dominguez brings smiles to the faces of parents and students alike. On Monday afternoon, it was the other way around, as the ice cream vendor's customers had him crying with gratitude.

Dominguez is just one of thousands of street food vendors across the city who are constantly facing the struggle of working without permits due to the city's three-decade-old cap on the number of vendor permits issued.

Since 1981, New York
City has put a cap on
the number of vendor
permits, with a total
of 3,000 issued to food
carts and trucks yearround and 1,000 seasonally. As a result, many
vendors now pay up to
\$25,000 to rent permits
off the black market or
— like in Dominguez's
case — many decide to
work without permits.

The Brooklyn resident has a license to work as a food vendor, but has been on the waiting list for a permit for the past nine years. Without a permit, his cart has been removed, and, on May 10, he got a \$1,000 ticket.

"The problem is not because of the vendors, the problem is the city," he said in Spanish. "They take away your cart. It's your job. How are you going to pay for a ticket of \$1,000 if they take away your tool to work?"

According to Dominguez, on that Tuesday he was approached by two city workers while he



Parents and students surprised Carlos Palacios Dominguez with a check for \$1,070 to help pay for a ticket he was issued for not having a permit. ANGY ALTAMIRANO



worked in front of P.S. 130 in Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn, where he has been selling ice cream for the past few years. The city workers told him that because he did not have the permit he would have to be issued a ticket and also have his small ice cream cart removed.

This caused students who had been playing in the school's playground to ask the workers why they were bothering him. The children started to protest and the city workers decided not to confiscate his cart. But they gave him a ticket and warned him that the next time his cart would be taken away.

After hearing about

this, Karen Rafael — a mother from P.S. 130 whose daughter was one of the kids protesting — started a GoFundMe campaign to help the vendor pay for his ticket.

"He's just a really, really genuinely nice person," Rafael said of the vendor. "He has a huge smile, he's not just there for the money."

In just 24 hours the campaign surpassed its goal of \$1,000 and parents voiced their support for the vendor on the campaign's page.

"It was just incredible. I just couldn't believe how many people love him," Rafael said.

For Wendy Rodriguez, another parent at the

school, she knew that she had to donate to the campaign because she believes it is not fair what he is going through. She added that the

She added that the community loves Dominguez because he always brings a positive energy to everyone's day, no matter how hot a day might be or what issues he might be facing.

"By the time you get out of work and you pick up your child, you're drained," Rodriguez said. "He's a reminder that even though you had a bad day, you have to stay positive and be energetic."

On Monday, parents and students surprised Dominguez with a check for \$1,070 and the vendor was brought to tears. He said that he was not expecting something like this to ever happen.

"You feel good, you feel like the people see you like a neighbor," he said.

The father of two said he is scheduled to go to court next month to try to appeal his ticket, but he said — based on previous experiences — he doesn't expect the judge to rule in his favor

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## Rikers Island Facebook photo leads to official investigation

The inmates' cells were searched for the phone, but officials have been unable to recover it.



The Department of Correction is investigating how a photo of Rikers Island inmates flashing gang signs was posted on Facebook when inmates are banned from having cellphones.

The photo, posted to Facebook last Wednes-day, shows a group of

inmates in the back of a DOC van during a transport to Staten Island, the New York Daily News reported. It was posted to an account of a Facebook user believed to be an acquaintance of convict Rameen Smith, who was in the van at the time but is not pictured.

At issue was the apparent use of a cellphone, which are off-limits to inmates though at least 10 were found in city jails last year, the Daily News stated.

"It is a major breach of security — it is contraband," a source told New York Post. "It could be used by prisoners to sell calls to other prisoners, which could lead to fights."

The DOC was investigating whether an officer passed the phone to Smith, the Post stated, adding that the foursome pictured in the photo were reputed members of a gang headed by Smith.

'Commissioner seph] Ponte has zero tolerance for the introduction of contraband into any DOC facility," department spokeswoman Eve Kessler told the Daily News. "This matter is under investigation.'

The inmates' were searched for the phone, according to the Post, but officials have been unable to recover it.



The picture was taken by a cellphone in the back of a corrections vehicle, FACEBOOK

#### Report: Middle-income wages making comeback in NYC ... sort of

With a recent study showing New York is among the country's largest cities in which less than half the population is considered middle class, a report coming out this week says some better paying jobs are on the upswing.

The Center for an Urban Future is releasing a report this week titled "The Rise (And Fall) of Middle Wage Industries in NYC" stating that although the number of middle-income jobs in the city have decreased over the last decades, industries with middle-income wages are "staging a bit of a comeback."

#### Middle-wage sectors

Based on the analysis, middle-wage industries - which are classified as those with annual salaries between \$40,000 and \$80,000 - made up three out of eight industry sectors that experienced net gains of about 10,000 jobs between 2011 and 2015.

The areas, which are considered the "highgrowth" middle-income sectors, include educational services, construction, health care, the arts and transportation.

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The report found a total of 23 middle-wage sectors added at least 1,000 jobs during the time period and several have potential of more growth in coming years.

#### Lagging behind

However, even though there are signs of increases in these kinds of jobs, middle-income industries are still not keeping up with both low-wage and high-wage industries, according to the report.

In the same five-year period and across the five boroughs, middle-wage industries added a total of 110,880 jobs while high-wage and low-wage industries added 112,919 and 169,613, respectively.

The analysis also found that of the 75 industries that experienced the greatest job losses between 2011 and 2015, 34 were middle-wage, 22 were high-wage and 19 were in low-wage sectors.

"New York City's economy is booming, but too few of the jobs being created are in middlewage industries. That's a big problem in a city as

expensive as New York," said Jonathan Bowles, executive director for the Center for an Urban Future. "We need to make sure that more of the future growth is in jobs that pay middle-class salaries.'

According to a report by the Pew Research Center, middle-class adults make up only 48 percent of the adult population in the New York City, Newark, Jersey City, and Pennsylvania area.

Early this month, City Comptroller Scott Stringer released his quarterly economic

update in which he said that the city has seen a record setting 4 million New Yorkers employed, with an increase of 21,200 people during this year's first quarter.

#### Low-wage jobs increase

Although the city has seen an increase in employed residents, Stringer found that nearly half of those new jobs were in low-wage industries.

In its report, the Center for Urban Future found the industries with the most job gains between 2011 and 2015 were restaurant and other eating establishments and home health-care services, which pay yearly averages of \$25,462 and \$25,754, respectively.

"There's so much great news in the city's economy. But one big problem is that a lot of New Yorkers who've lost their jobs in middle-wage sectors have had to settle for new jobs in lower paying sectors," Bowles said. "And this is happening at a time when it's more expensive than ever to live in this city."



One of the high-growth middle-income sectors in New York City includes the residential construction industry, GETTY IMAGES

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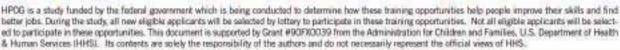
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#### **SWEATER THEFT**

#### NYPD: Knife-wielding duo steal designer sweater from teen in Williamsburg

Police are looking for two suspects they say wanted to be wearing the latest fashion trends — without having to pay for it.

On May 14 at about 1:25 p.m. the 18-year-old victim agreed to meet up with two men at the Hewes Street J subway station in Williamsburg to sell a designer sweater, according to authorities.

When the three met up, the

victim handed over the sweater to the first suspect — described as a 16-year-old Hispanic boy — for him to inspect, police said.

The two suspects then exited the station with the victim following behind but then the second suspect — a 20-year-old Hispanic man — took out a knife, according to cops.

The two men ran away in an unknown direction, leaving the victim empty-handed.

Police did not immediately



have information on the details of how much the sweater is worth.

Authorities describe the

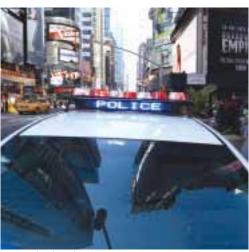
first suspect as 5 foot 5 inches tall, 120 pounds, with a light complexion, brown eyes and black hair. He was last seen wearing blue ieans.

Police released a photo of the

second suspect who is described as 5 foot 9 inches tall, 240 pounds, with a light complexion and black hair. He was last seen wearing a black sweater, blue jeans and black sneakers.

Anyone with information should call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS or for Spanish 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). Or, submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or texting to 274637 (CRIMES) then enter TIP577- ANCY ALTAMINANO

#### NYPD: Cop charged in 2014 beating busted for drunken car crash



A NYPD cruiser sits at Times Square. GETTY IMAGES

Eugene Donnelly, 29, crashed and flipped his Audi A4 Sunday, police said.



An off-duty NYPD cop who once beat a Bronx woman now faces drunken driving charges after he was arrested early Sunday for allegedly crashing into three parked cars in upper Manhattan.

Eugene Donnelly, 29, allegedly crashed and flipped his Audi A4 near West 136th Street in Hamilton Heights just after midnight, dnainfo. com reported. Police arrested him after pulling him from the wreck and noticing he appeared intoxicated.

Donnelly also faces charges stemming from a 2014 incident in which he allegedly broke into a woman's apartment on 234th Street and beat a woman in the residence. During the assault, Don-

nelly allegedly dragged the woman by her armpits to her bedroom and told her, "I'm a good guy. But sometimes I'm a bad guy," according to amNY. com.

Donnelly claims he was sleepwalking during the beating, which happened just hours after he was awarded the NYPD's second-highest award, the New York Daily News reported.

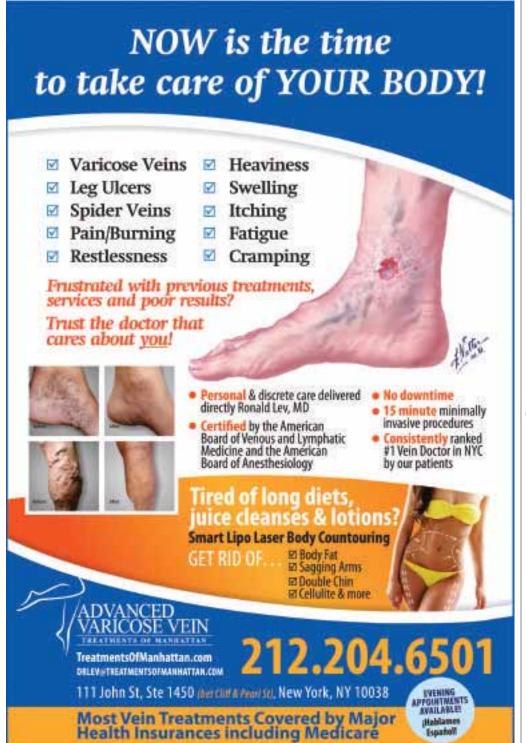
He was charged in that case with assault, criminal mischief and

criminal trespassing.

Donnelly had been put on modified duty after the 2014 attack, according to the report, but following Sunday's arrest the NYPD suspended him.

"I'm a good guy. But sometimes I'm a bad guy."

Donnelly allegedly told the woman



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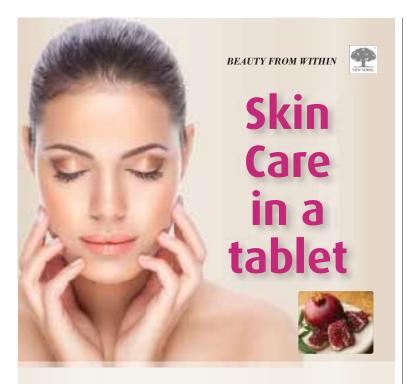
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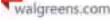
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Breaking with the Obama administration. Sanders called on Senate colleagues to instead back an alternative he has proposed to allow the U.S. territory the same access

to restructure its debt in bankruptcy court that is afforded to municipalities.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders on Monday rejected a bipartisan deal reached in the House of Representatives on legislation to address Puerto Rico's debt crisis, calling it a concession to Wall Street.

Lawmakers in the House of Representatives last week unveiled a bill, hammered out in talks between lawmakers from both parties, that included a framework for restructuring Puerto Rico's \$70 billion in debt and putting the island's financial operations under the control of a federal oversight board.

A House vote is expected in the first week of Ĵune, ahead of a \$1.9 billion debt payment due on July 1, but any legislation would have to clear the Senate as well.

Democratic congressio-



nal leaders have acknowledged disagreements with some parts of the bill but said negotiations had led to a workable compromise, and the Obama administration has urged Congress to quickly pass

"It is critical that Congress pass this as there are very significant bond payments due in July," U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said last week. "Time is of the essence."

Sanders' rival for the Democratic nomination, Hillary Clinton, has also backed the legislation.

But Sanders, who represents Vermont as an independent but who caucuses with Democrats, said Wall Street would benefit at the expense of Puerto Rico's workers.

out for the needs of Wall Street vulture funds first and foremost. That is unacceptable," he wrote in a letter to Senate colleagues on Monday.

He cited provisions exempting residents from new overtime protections and allowing minimum wage on the island to dip to \$4.25 for a period of up to five years, far lower than the U.S. minimum wage of \$7.25.

Instead, Sanders said the U.S. Federal Reserve and Treasury Department could find other solutions, such as providing loans to Puerto Rico's electric authority and water agency, and directly purchasing new bonds issued by the commonwealth.

#### BRIEF

#### **Supreme Court rules for black** Georgia death row inmate

The Supreme Court on Monday effectively overturned a black man's 1987 conviction for murdering a white woman, rebuking Georgia prosecutors for unlawfully excluding black potential jurors in picking an all-white jury that condemned him to death.

The 7-1 ruling handed a major victory to Timothy Foster, who is 48 now and was 18 at the time of the 1986 killing of Queen Madge White, a 79-year-old retired schoolteacher, in Rome, Georgia. Prosecutors, however, still could seek a new trial.

Black convicts make up a disproportionately high percentage of death row inmates in the United States. Opponents of capital punishment assert that the American criminal justice system discriminates against black defendants.

During jury selection, all four black members of the pool of potential jurors were 'struck" by prosecutors, meaning they were removed from consideration. Prosecutors gave reasons not related to race for their decisions to exclude them.

Chief Justice John Roberts, who wrote the ruling, said prosecution notes introduced into evidence that shed light on the jury selection "plainly belie the state's claim that it exercised its strikes in a 'color blind' manner. The sheer number of references to race in that file is arresting."

The notes showed that the prosecution marked the names of the black prospective jurors with a "B," highlighted them in green and circled the word "black" next to the race question on juror questionnaires.

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## US lifts arms ban on old foe Vietnam as China tensions simmer

The United States announced a complete end to its arms embargo on Vietnam on Monday, a historic step that draws a line under the two countries' old enmity and underscores their shared concerns about China's growing military clout.

The move came during President Barack Obama's first visit to Hanoi, which his hosts described as the arrival of a warm spring and a new chapter in relations between two countries that were at war four decades ago.

Obama has made a strategic "rebalance" toward Asia a centerpiece of his foreign policy.

The decision to lift the arms trade ban suggested such concerns outweighed arguments that Vietnam had not done enough to improve its human rights record and Washington would lose leverage for reforms.

Obama told a joint news conference with Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang that disputes in the South China Sea should be resolved peacefully and not by whoever "throws their weight around." But he insisted the arms



President Barack Obama walks past Vietnam's President Tran Dai Quang after a news conference at the International Convention Center in Hanoi on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

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embargo shift was not linked to China.

"The decision to lift the ban was not based on China or any other considerations. It was based on our desire to complete what has been a lengthy process of moving towards normalization with Vietnam," he said. Obama later added his visit to a former foe showed "hearts can change and peace is pos-

In 2014, the Obama administration eased the decades-old arms embargo to allow its former Cold War enemy to buy maritime surveillance and "security-related" systems to strengthen it with China in mind.

Now, Hanoi will be able to buy a full range of U.S. weapons and military equipment. Immediate big-ticket purchases are not expected but Vietnam's military strategists are likely to seek U.S. drones, radar, coastal patrol boats and possibly P-3 Orion surveillance aircraft.

The sale of arms, Obama said, would depend on Vietnam's human rights commitments, and be made on a case-by-case basis. REUTERS

#### **BRIEF**

#### North Korean envoy rejects Trump overture to meet Kim Jong-Un

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's proposal to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un is a "kind of propaganda or advertisement" in the election race, a senior North Korean official said Monday.

Trump, in a wide-ranging interview with Reuters in New York last week, said he is willing to talk to the North Korean leader to try to stop Pyongyang's nuclear program, proposing a major shift in U.S. policy toward the isolated nation.

"It is up to the decision of my Supreme Leader whether he decides to meet or not, but I think [Trump's] idea or talk is nonsense," So Se Pyong, North Korea's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, told Reuters on return from Pyongyang after attending the first ruling party congress in 36 years.

"It's for utilization of the presidential election, that's all. A kind of a propaganda or advertisement," he added. "This is useless, just a gesture for the presidential election."

North Korea conducted a fourth nuclear test in January and launched a long-range rocket in February, triggering tougher international sanctions.

So, who is also North Korea's ambassador to the U.N.-backed Conference on Disarmament, reiterated that his country was prepared to return to stalled six-party talks on its nuclear program. China and Russia backed the idea, but the United States and its allies South Korea and Japan reject it, he said.



North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un

"As a responsible nuclear state ... we never use them first," So said. "If the United States use their nuclear weapons first, then we have to use also that one."

But he added: "As a responsible nuclear state, we keep and observe the obligations of non-proliferation of nuclear technology." REUTERS

#### New Yorkers look to Cog Railway for summer fun

#### WRITTEN BY A.P. Singer

If you're on the lookout for some out-of-the-box fun this summer, you may want to put the Mount Washington Cog Railway on your list. The first mountain-climbing cog railway, nestled in the jawdropping White Mountains of New Hampshire, is attracting visitors of all stripes with its lineup of upcoming summer events—with themes ranging from steampunk to handmade crafts to classic ingenuity.

This summer is meaningful as it marks the 150th anniversary of the Old Peppersass—the original locomotive that built the railway itself. The dazzling old engine recently kicked off the beginning of a three-year U.S. tour slated to end in 2019, when The Cog will celebrate its own 150th anniversary. Peppersass

is planning on making stops in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and various parts of New Hampshire. The tour will wrap up with a final anniversary bash at The Cog in the summer of 2019. New Yorkers may want to mark August 27 on their calendars. Mount Washington, located about six hours north of the city, will be playing host to Steampunk at The Cog. here, Peppersass and the Victorian age burst to life in a colorful celebration of all things steampunk—

Peppersass, whose name was inspired by its pepper-sauce bottle shape, became the first cog-driven train to ever climb to the top of Mount Washington. Ascending the 6,228-foot summit was no small feat, especially back in 1869. The event marked a major milestone, one that many said could

including vendors, a fashion

show, and a themed steam

Washington.

train ride to the top of Mount

never be done. We have Sylvester Marsh to thank; the inventor created the first steam locomotive that used a cog wheel to grip a centernotched rail. Peppersass was a game changer, paving the way for all mountainclimbing cog railways that came after it.

The fact that Peppersass is back in action is a thrill. Those familiar with the story of Peppersass will be in awe of the little engine that literally could. What better way to get the full experience then to ride in one of the vintage coal-fired steam engines that nod to their mountainclimbing predecessor. Today, the Cog (nicknamed

the "Railway to the Moon") takes thousands of visitors each year to the top of stunning Mount Washington. The three-hour ride is known for its epic views; panoramic vistas positively dripping with natural beauty. All the while, an in-the-know brakeman offers up fascinating tidbits



about the journey. On the way, passengers can explore history and memorabilia at the Cog Railway Museum before hitting the peak. At the top, the Mount Washington Observatory Museum (along with unreal 360-degree views) await. This is where visitors are given a fascinating peek into the mountain's mesmerizing weather and unique ecosystem.

Nature lovers, history buffs,

and outdoor enthusiasts alike flock to The Cog, and with good reason. When the city streets grow too crowded this summer, consider a mini-vacation to Mount Washington. It's a day trip you won't soon forget (especially if you hit up the shopping outlets in North

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A new restaurant empire believes employees deserve more than just a job.



For many Americans, dining out without tipping is considered gauche, if not downright disrespectful.

But Jens Baake, the chief operating officer of dining empire MeyerUSA, doesn't consider tipping a best practice — for customers or employees.

"Tipping, for us, is an incentive for an individual to fight for him or herself," says Baake.

MeyerUSA launched by Danish chef and food entrepreneur Claus Meyer, whose recent NYC ventures include a massive Nordic food hall, the upscale Agern in Grand Central Terminal and a cooking school in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Its workplace ethos is based on teamwork and collective responsibility; that's part of why the company has done away with tipping.

Instead, MeyerUSA pays all employees a \$15 wage — from servers to dishwashers — as part of one of the most comprehensive benefits packages in the hospitality industry.

Says Baake: "We made the conscious decision that lowestpaid employee will make \$15 an hour before we even knew what the recruiting environment was like, what staffing environment

was like, because when it comes to our value system, our employees need to feel good about where they work.

"We want them to become our advocates, and what we are showing is we're also advocating for them."

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It also affords community days - paid time off for employees to volunteer at a nonprofit of ers) — the package might sound revolutionary.

But for Baake, who was born in Germany, it's simply how business is done. He says when only about half of employees have the opportunity to work for tips, it doesn't benefit the organization as a whole.

And as for those posi-

pressive. I don't think of our system as something that reduces the income potential of the individual server."

Though numbers vary, the wage is higher than what most hospitality workers earn hourly. Bartenders in New York earn a median of \$7.50 per hour in tips, according to

the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Servers in the New York metropolitan area fare better, with average earnings of \$14.08 an hour, according to the BLS.

But for Baake and MeyerUSA, paying a higher wage isn't just about the bottom line. It's inextricably linked to professional education and development, what Baake calls "a deep philosophy of train-ing where employees have the chance to "do so much from scratch."

In theory, it's part of the company's commitment to "deliciousness" - which, in addition to the literal interpretation, is an approach to food that brings joy to guests, professional fulfilment to employees and sustainability to the community.

In practice, a philosophy of deliciousness means giving a server with a passion for beer the chance to work with a local brewery, or a dishwasher who brings in a family recipe the chance to bring it to the cook's attention.

As a growing number of restaurateurs eliminate tipping, such as Danny Meyer (of Shake Shack, and the Whitney Museum's Untitled restaurant), they're changing the way we think about what fair compensation means for restaurant staff, and what dining out means to customers.

"We feel that by providing delicious food," Baake says, "we can build a better world."

"When it comes to our values system, our employees need to feel good about where they work. We want them to become our advocates, and what we are showing is we're also advocating for them.

In an industry where benefits are slim to none and in New York, a state where the minimum wage for tipped workers is \$7.50 if they earn enough in tips (though the general minimum wage is set to rise to \$10.50 by the end of 2016, the hike doesn't apply to tipped worktions that do (sometimes) get tipped handsomely?

"By eliminating tip-ping, it doesn't mean that [servers] are making less money. It just means that the way we look at it is different," says Baake. "When I look at the numbers of what servers are earning, it's still very im-



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#### Awful man troll threatens Taylor Swift and friends

Proof again that the Internet is awful: One of the many psychos who can vomit the contents of his warped mind thanks to the anonymity of social media has taken his ire out on celebrities. And, of course, his targets are beautiful women. According to TMZ, Taylor Swift, Cara Delevingne, Gigi Hadid and Jaime King are among the troll's prey. The celebs are being haunted on Twitter with "poetry" like, "I will kill your friends and I am excited about it"; "gonna give it a shot, but I probably gonna end up murdering your friends"; and "people gon die die die die!" Police have yet to

identify this stranger, or suss out if he's just some men's rights activist in a basement. But this shows once more - and we mean it — that pretty people have it bad. too.





**Demi Lovato** In other news... I'd really love to be done with my cardio right now



**Britney Spears** After tonight... All I really want is a cheeseburger #BBMAs



Conan O'Brien Open Tweet to Justin Bieber: You're starting to make us teen heartthrobs look bad.

#### Idina Menzel totally cool with Elsa getting a girlfriend

Idina Menzel spoke out on "Frozen" fans' petition to give Elsa a female love interest in the animated film's sequel. "I think it's great," she told Entertainment Tonight at Sunday's Billboard Music Awards. "Disney's just gotta contend with that," she continued. "I'll let them figure that out.... No matter what, [Elsa] changed my

Fans have been using



Menzel with her "Frozen" counterparts IRL, ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

the Twitter hashtag #GiveElsaAGirlfriend to encourage Disney to give the princess a same-sex partner in "Frozen 2," following a tweet from

feminist tween writer Alexis Isabel Moncada on April 30. Moncada penned a first-person essay for MTV explaining the viral movement.



On Sunday night, supermodel Naomi Campbell celebrated her b-day with a star-studded bash at PHD Rooftop Lounge at NYC's Dream Downtown. Guests for the big event included Sean "Diddy" Combs (fresh off of his Bad Boy reunion tour at Barclays Center), Usher, Q-Tip and some of her fashion besties, such as Andre Leon Talley, Peter and Harry Brant and designers Zac Posen and Anna Sui. NEIL RASMUS/BFA.COM



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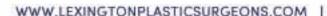
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#### Puberty taught Rufus Wainwright to love Shakespeare

"I don't think that [my mom] quite knew how to deal with it."



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Despite the Mark Ronsonproduced "Out of the Game" in 2012, Rufus Wainwright's last decade has been spent away from the strictures of pop. His epic conglomeration of smartly literate baroque cabaret, chamber music and opera - his "Prima Donna" which opened in America at Brooklyn Academy of Music with '70s disco and '60s theater song, all rolledup into elegant chord changes and his winding, bassoon-like vocals and lyrics regaling love and loneliness. His newest album, "Take All My Loves: 9 Shakespeare Sonnets, not only features Wainwright, but co-stars William Shatner and Helena Bonham Carter sharing the limelight with the lofty composer.



Wainwright will perform songs from Judy Garland's acclaimed catalog at Carnegie Hall next month. REDFERN:

Around the time of "Out of the Game," you said you were giving mainstream pop. How did that grab go? (Laughs) I adore that album. Arguably, it's one of my best-sounding albums.

It wasn't a huge pop hit, but that's always the case whenever I put out a record. You have to have gargantuan hope in order

to get out there and sell anything. It wasn't a hit, and that's OK. I won't be executed or anything.

You haven't done your Judy Garland show in a minute. What does several years away from that catalog do for its upcoming performances at Carnegie Hall? It's been at least five years

ago, at London's Royal Opera House. I'm going to do the whole kit and caboodle at Carnegie Hall again and we'll see. I'm looking forward to finding out what being away from it means. It's one of the most vocally acrobatic exercises out there. I guess my voice is at its peak right now as most voices are in their

40's. I just want to see just how high that peak is, and there's no better way of finding out than doing Judy Garland songs.

"Take All My Loves" comes from your time with director Robert Wilson and the late Michael Kamen. What connection did you have with Shakespeare before that? My first ever contact with the sonnets was through my mother, She loved them. In fact, I think she preferred them to the plays. I grew up with her, and she was a single mother at the time. I was going through a period when I was like 12 or 13 where I was spending a lot of time alone in my room discovering myself, so there were certain stains that were new to my mom. I don't think that she quite knew how to deal with it, but her way of dealing was to say to me, "Shakespeare wrote a bit about what you are doing now." And she passed me Sonnet 129:

'Th' expense of spirit in a waste of shame.' Shakespeare] was there for me from the beginning.

Obviously, this project has been gestating for a bit. Why is now a good time for the album? I've done several different incarnations of these songs. In my mind, they are very malleable. Also, it is the 400th anniversary of his death.

How does one — how do you feel out - a Shakespeare lyric?

One of the key things was that I very much took the back seat. I mean with Shakespeare, who is the genius here? I have never questioned what it is he is trying to say. The music? I didn't write a lot of it with any instruments on hand. I'd be on a plane while reading them, and I'd just try to listen [and] a melody or would come to my head and I'd just grab hold. It's like being in a trance. It's amazing what people come up with when they shut up.

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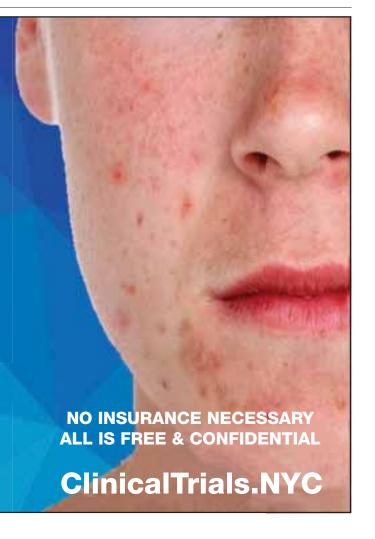
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#### Chloe Sevigny misses old, cool New York

But at least she gets to reunite with Whit Stillman for the Jane Austen movie "Love & Friendship."



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When Chloe Sevigny played a young, upwardly mobile New Yorker in Whit Stillman's 1998 dramedy "The Last Days of Disco," she was primarily known for Kids." It was a bit of a gearshift, but it helped establish her as one of the most exciting young actors working. With "Love & Friend-ship," she returns to the world of Whit, who this time adapts one of his clearest inspirations: Jane Austen. Based on the author's early novella "Lady Šusan," it reunites Sevigny with "Disco" costar Kate Beck-



The Last Days of Disco" alumni Chloe Sevigny and Kate Beckinsale reunite for Whit Stillman's Jane Austen adaptation, "Love & Friendship," now in theaters. BERNARD WALSH, AMAZON STUDIOS, ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

insale, who plays a 30-something widow scheming for a new husband. Sevigny plays Alicia, her similarly savvy best friend.

Given the films you'd done before "The Last Days of Disco," how did you convince Stillman you'd be good for the more buttoned-up Charlotte?

I think I may have lied and said I went to prep school, to seem more WASPy, thinking he would like that. I probably said, "Oh, I just

came from the train from Connecticut." I made all of that up. And somehow he cast me. I love that movie. A Halloween or two ago, I remember coming out of a party at my brother's club. And a girl was dressed as me in "Last Days of Disco." She had my top and my hairdo and my trousers. I took a picture with her.

#### It's good you get cited for that and not only

I still have that T-shirt, the one with the blue ringer. They had a 20year anniversary screening at BAM. I thought, 'Maybe I should wear that T-shirt." Then I thought it would freak people out. Too weird. [Laughs] But I think I should bust it out at some point.

Looking at "Kids" now, it's a good reminder that New York is no longer remotely that cool.

#### The Village is all drunk NYU kids.

Yeah. Where are the weirdos? That's what I always say. I was wearing some crazy outfit downtown, in a restaurant. My boyfriend said, "That couple's looking at you like you're nuts." I was like, 'Good, someone's got to be nuts in this town." It's so boring now. It's all so staid. I hope I can bring a little freakiness down here, for crying out loud.

Back to Stillman: A lot of indies tend towards naturalistic dialogue, but his is very written. His dialogue is very heightened, and he's very specific about tone and intonation. It can be a little difficult working for Whit. You feel like you're under a microscope. You want to perform well for him, but sometimes it's like, "Oh my God, it's like an IQ test.

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I was like, "I wish this movie had been better for these ladies." I really do. I wanted to support it. I love Charlize [Theron], I love Jessica [Chastain], I love Emily [Blunt]. I wanted them to have a better movie. If this movie doesn't perform, it's a problem [for other femaledriven movies]. They had endless resources — why couldn't they have given these girls a better movie?

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Kiersey Clemons, from left, Shameik Moore and Tony Revolori play South Central nerds who get in some hot water in "Dope." OPEN ROAD FILMS

Blockbusters never run out of comic book movies, but at least the indie world keeps gifting us with hilarious and righteously angry films about race and modern black life. Spike Lee's "Chi-Raq" and Justin Simien's "Dear White People" both live on Amazon Prime, while Netflix gets their slightly lesser cousin: "Dope," which takes the grim hood movies of the '90s ("Boyz N Tha Hood," "Juice," etc.) and reworks them into a freewheeling romp. Following one college-bound, hi-top faderocking nerd (Shameik Moore) as he gets in comically deep in the drug business, it's an excuse to fire off cogent gripes: about trust fund kids, about white boys incensed they can't use the N-word, about the fact that South Central L.A. hasn't improved much in the last 20 years. The blend of jokes and talking points isn't always smooth, but when it scratches it draws blood.

#### 'THE KEEPING ROOM'



Brit Marling guns up in "The Keeping Room." DRAFTHOUSEFILM

Like "Dope," the feminist Western "The Keeping Room" wants to be both a political weapon and escapist fare. Three women in the South circa the Civil War — two white (Brit Marling and Hailee Steinfeld), one a mostly autonomous slave (Muna Otaru) — find themselves in a home invasion situation, when two Union army rogues (Sam Worthington and Ned Dennehy) recognize they don't have a man to keep them safe. It's so good at blending its two sides that there's not much to do but admire it — although, considering the crazy way it ends, its one major flaw may be that there probably won't be a sequel.

#### 'TO CATCH A THIEF'

Did you know there are under 50 movies made before 1960 on Netflix Instant? Streaming isn't too kind to the classics, and it's getting worse. (Cinephiles will have to wait for Filmstruck, the forthcoming service combining the Avengers-esque powers of Criterion, TCM and others.) Frankly it's astonishing there's even one Alfred Hitchcock film on there, even if it's one of his third-tier efforts. Preferring fizz over suspense, 1956's "To Catch a Thief" boasts no memorable



Grace Kelly hobnobs with Cary Grant in "To Catch a Thief." PROVIDE

nail-biters. Indeed, its best scene is romantic, with Cary Grant, as a retired thief blamed on a spate of robberies in the South of France, canoodling with

Grace Kelly's society gal. It's uncharacteristic in Hitch's career, but — like his screwball "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" — that makes it worthy of extra scrutiny.

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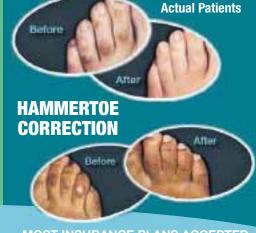
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Asdruhal Cabrera has been a key Mets' hitter in some clutch situations this season GETTY IMAGES

#### Cabrera is something of an unsung hero for Mets

The shortstop has been a pleasant surprise so far in 2016.



The Mets had a busy offseason, with most people focusing on the re-signing of Yoenis Cespedes. The acquisition of Neil Walker also drew some headlines, but one pickup that barely moved the needle was Asdrubal Cabrera, who signed a twoyear, \$18.5 million deal. And right now, Cabrera is looking like a bargain.

"He's meant a lot to us," Mets manager Terry Collins recently said of Cabrera. "He's come up big. He's getting on base.'

Cabrera's most recent clutch moment came with two outs in the fourth inning in Sun-

day's 3-1 victory over Milwaukee, where his two-run single provided the difference that sealed a series sweep of the Brewers. With that highleverage hit, Cabrera boosted his average with runners in scoring position to .313 on the year, with 12 RBIs.

Cabrera has also given the Mets a desperately needed defensive upgrade at shortstop, much to the surprise of many

"When we were at the winter meetings, I talked to a couple scouts and they said he probably can't play short anymore," Collins said. "I believe scouts [but] I've got to tell you something: They're wrong on this guy. This guy can really play shortstop. This guy is proving he can play shortstop at a high, high level. He's made plays that we haven't made in a couple of years. He's been outstanding."

Cabrera recently told reporters who asked him about the skepti-cal scouts, "I've heard that the last couple of years. It just makes me work harder to show everybody I can still play short. People can say what they want. I know I can still play."

Walker, the other part of the Mets' suddenly solid defensive middle infield, has been impressed with Cabrera as well.

"The knock on him was that his range wasn't as great as a lot of other shortstops, but I've been really impressed with the balls that he's been able to get to," he said. "That has a lot to do with reading hitters, understanding situations, anticipating. That's been the one thing that has impressed me more than anything

Cabrera has turned 22 double plays in 365 in-

nings at short, and has a fielding percentage well above league average this season (.988 compared to .973).

And Cabrera's health has been vital to a Mets' squad that's been banged up all year long. Cabrera's backup, Wilmer Flores, hasn't played since May 10 due to a hamstring strain that sent him to the 15day disabled list. Flores is slated to begin a rehab assignment on Tuesday, but with a .180 batting average on the season, he won't threaten Cabrera for much playing time.

Cabrera has appeared in 42 of the Mets' 43 games, but he says he doing just fine.

"I'm not that old yet, I feel really good," the 30-year-old Cabrera said after Sunday's win. "I love to play every day. I know someday I'm going to need a day off, but I feel good now.

#### **MLB** power rankings by Ryan Hannable



Cubs

(29-13)

Jake Arrieta has a 1.29 ERA, the best in the game and Anthony Rizzo's 34 RBIs are the second-most in the National League.

No. 2

#### Red Sox (27-17)

Jackie Bradley Jr. has a 27-game hit streak and is batting .342 on the year. It's not even best on the team as Xander Bogaerts is batting .346. They are 1-2 in the entire

American League.

No. 3

#### Giants GIANTS (27-19)

The Giants have won nine of their last 10 games and won a series against Chicago this weekend. Hunter Pence is swinging a hot bat as he has 32 RBIs, tied for fourth in the NL.

No. 4

#### Nationals (27-17)

Washington, currently in first in the NL East, is led by its pitching as Stephen Strasburg has seven wins, good for second in the NL and Gio Gonzalez has a 1.86 ERA, which is third in the NL.

#### Orioles (26-16)



The Orioles have kept pace as they have won six of their last 10 games. Mark Trumbo has hit 13 home runs, tied for the most in the American League.

#### Mets (25-18)



By way of winning three straight games, the Mets have closed the gap in the NL East. Besides Yoenis Cespedes (14 homers, 35 RBIs), they haven't done much at the plate.

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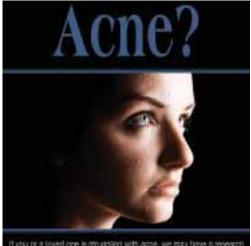
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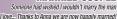
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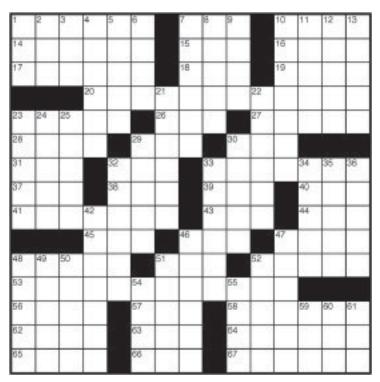




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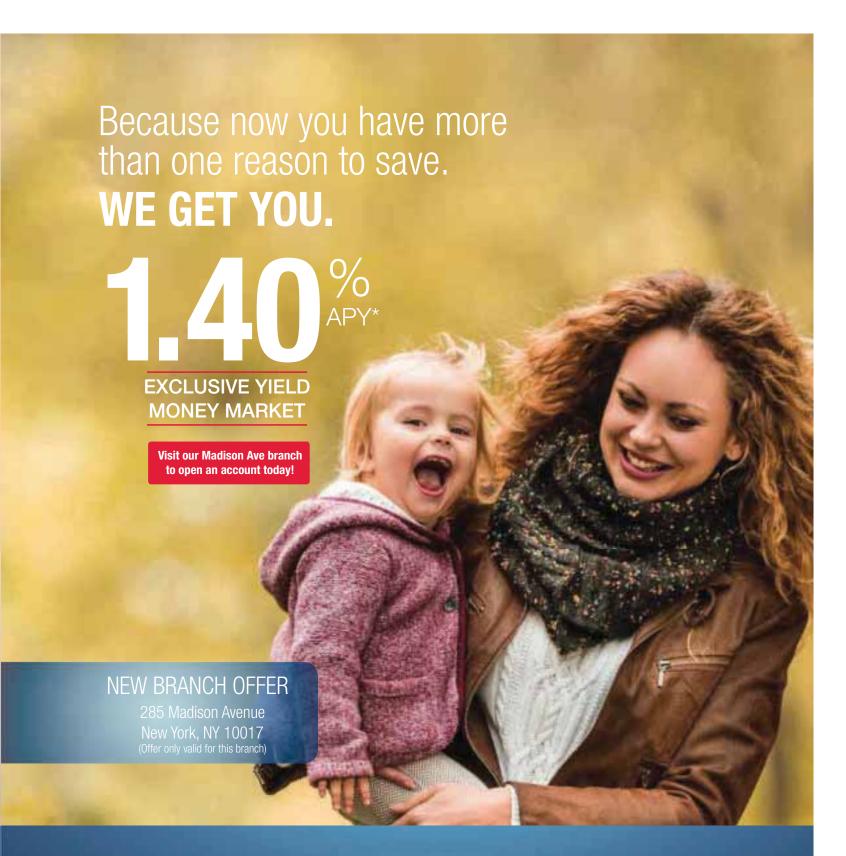
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